

Date: 3 March 1982

TO: NIO/SP  
FROM: SA/DCI/IA  
SUBJECT: Reported Comments of R. DeLauer  
re Soviet Space Lasers

REMARKS:

Today's Washington Post carries an article (attached) reporting on Soviet space-laser development attributed to Richard DeLauer.

SOVA has done a short commentary (attached) pointing out the discrepancies between DeLauer's reported remarks and the findings of NIE 11-3/8.

Please prepare by 1300 today a short note for the Director setting the record straight. You may wish merely to indicate concurrence with the SOVA note. Please attach the relevant paragraphs from 11-3/8.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI  
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On the subject of where Dr. DeLauer may have obtained his information, I believe there is a good chance that it derives from a DIA briefing on Soviet military space that has been widely given throughout the community, including here at CIA. The reference to Soviet space doctrine makes this linkage likely.

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